

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>In re Application of:</b>	Paul H. Burmeister, Charles L. Euteneuer, Brian J. Brown, Paul J. Fordenbacher, Anthony C. Vrba
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<b>For:</b>	IMPROVED TISSUE SUPPORTING DEVICES
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**LETTER CONCERNING CLAIM 34 IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
ALLOWABILITY**

This letter is in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed November 16, 2011. The Notice indicates, in response to the interference decision dated August 29, 2011, that claims 22-32 are allowed. Claim 34 is not mentioned in the Notice.

Applicant notes that claim 34, dependent from allowed claim 22, was included in the interference and is still pending. In light of the outcome of the interference, claim 34 should have been allowed as well.

Applicant hereby requests notice from the USPTO indicating that claim 34 is allowed as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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